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- 1. EMBOFF HAD EXTENDED NEGOTIATING SESSION WITH GOSKONTSERT (GOLVIN) JUNE 17 ON CONTRACTS FOR COUNTRY MUSIC USA AND ROBERT JOFFREY. GOLOVIN WELL AWARE OF NEED SIGN CONTRACTS ASAP AND READY SIGN THIS WEEK DEPT. CAN CLARIFY INFORMATION CONCENING PROPERTIES., AND OTHER MATTERS.
- 2. SEPTEL ON COUNTRY MUSIC FOLLOWS.
- 3. MAJOR SNAG OCCURRED WHILE ATTEMPTING PIN DOWN FINAL CITY ITINERARY. EMBASSY GOING ON INFORMATION, ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED, THAT TOTAL WEIGHT PROPERTIES WOULD BE 52,000 LBS. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED URGENGLY CONFIRM ACTUAL WEIGHT AND CUBIC VOLUME PROPERTIES BASED ON SUBSEQUENT REVIEW JOFFREY PROGRAM, AND PLASE TRANSMIT IN METRIC SYSTEM, PER REFTEL.
- 4. EMBASSY HOPEFUL VOLUME WILL BE MANAGEABLE ENOUGH EFFECT INTER-CITY TRANSPORTATION AND RETURN TRANSPORTATION TO USA BY AIR (VICE TRUCK AND BOAT) FYI: GOSKONTSERT CONVINCED US PAGS FREQUENTLY BRING MORE PROPERTIES THAN NEEDED AND THUS WELCOMES ADVANCE VISITS IN GENERAL BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TECHNICAL MANAGERS. END FYI.

5. BESIDES UPDATE ON TOUR PROPERTIES, GOSK URGENTLY AWAITING PUBLICITY MATERIALS, LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AS PROMISED BY MID-JUNE. NEED FROM YOU AVERAGE DIMENSIONS CASES IN ORDER FINALIZE CITY ITINERARY AND SIGN CONTRACT.

6. HOW MANY DIFFERENT PROGRAMS WILL JOFFREY GIVE? WHAT BALLETS IN EACH PROGRAM?

7. WHEN CAN WE EXPECT LIST OF SOVIET MUSICIANS NEEDED?

8. HOW MUCH TIME NEEDED FOR SET-UP IN EACH CITY?

9. ADVISE IMMEDIATE. STOESSEL

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